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1. APRIL 2 DIAIRO DE NOTICIAS HEADLINED ARRIVAL PREVIOUS DAY OF SOVIET CRUISE SHIP "LATVIA" AS FIRST VISIT TO LISBON OF A SOVIET CRUISE SHIP (NOTE: APPARENTLY AS OPPOSED TO "PASSENGER SHIP," ONE OF WHICH HAS ALREADY CALLED HERE (PARA4, REFTEL). PASSENGERS ARE HEADLINED AS "WORKERS."

2. ONE OF SIX SIMILAR VESSEL OPERATING FROM BLACK SEA, SHIP DISPLACES 5,250 TONS, CARRIES CREW OF 140 AND IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN EVGENY P. TARENKOV. 307 PASSENGERS ON CURRENT 24-DAY CRUISE FROM ODESSA TO RIGA ARE IN THREE CLASES.

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3. ARTICLE RATHER OBLIQUELY POINTS OUT THAT PASSENGERS' ONE-DAY VISIT TO LISBON "HAS CHARACTERISTICS THAT TRANSCEND THE FIELD OF TOURISM, GIVEN THE INTEREST WITH WHICH THE CITIZENS OF THE U.S.S.R. ARE FOLLOWING EVENTS IN OUR COUNTRY."

4. COMMENT: VISIT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FIRST VISIT BY SOVIET "TOURISTS" TO PORTUGAL. A SMALL GROUP WHICH ARRIVED BY AIR SPENT A FEW DAYS HERE SOME MONTHS AGO.
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